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SUBJECT: FERROUS METALLURGY SEMINAR/MINI-EXHIBIT

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1. IN RECENT MEETING WITH MIN FERROUS METALLURGY OFFICIALS COMATT REQUESTED MINISTRY PROVIDE SPECIFIC THEMES FOR PROPOSED S/ME. PRINCIPAL SOVIET SPOKESMAN AT MEETING, DEPUTY CHIEF FOREIGN RELATIONS, MALININ EMPHAISIZED THAT HE COULD NOT RPT NOT GIVE SUCH SPECIFIC NOW, BECAUSE QUOTE DECEMBER IS A LONG WAY OFF UNQUOTE. ALTHOUGH WE POINTED OUT THE IMPORTANCE OF NAILING DOWN SOME SPECIFICS RIGHT NOW, MALININ REITERATED WITH SOME ANNOYANCE, THAT WHAT IS OF INTEREST TO HIM TODAY IN THE AREA OF NEW TECHNOLOGY MAY NOT BE TOMORROW. RECOGNIZING THE FUTILITY OF PURSUING THIS LINE FURTHER COMATT PROPOSED THE INSTRUMENTATION THEME WHICH USDOC HAS INDICATED TO BE RECRUITABLE (REFTEL). MALININ STATED THAT INSTRUMENT AND CONTROLS ARE ALWAYS OF INTEREST, AND CLEARLY INDICATED THAT THIS WOULD MAKE AN ACCEPTABLE GENERAL THEME.

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2. WITH USDOC CONCURRENCE WE PROPOSE TO REVERSE OUR USUAL PROCEDURE AND PRESENT SOVIETS WITH LIST OF TOPICS BASED ON REFTEL INFORMATION. ASSUME USDOC WILL BEGIN RECRUITMENT OF FIRMS. AT SAME TIME WE PRESENT LIST, WE SHALL REQUEST NAMES OF ANY SPECIFIC FIRMS SOVIETS WISH TO HAVE PARTICIPATE AND ANY PERIPHERAL THEMES THEY MAY HAVE INTEREST IN. TOON

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